# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Illegal Universities
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that various illegal universities are indulging in fraud with students in the country;
(b) if so, the number of such cases that came into notice during the last three years along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and
(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to warn people against such illegal universities including issuance of notice?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b): Yes Madam. University Grants Commission (UGC) has put a list of 23 fake universities on its website at www.ugc.ac.in. List of these fake universities is at Annexure-I. During the last three years, two fake and eight unauthorized institutions / universities came into notice of UGC, details of which are at ANNEXURE-II. Show Cause Notices have been issued by UGC to these institutions / universities. Further, UGC has sent letters to the State/UT Principal Secretaries/Education Secretaries to take appropriate action against such universities located in their jurisdiction. UGC has also written to the Vice Chancellor/ Director of such universities / institutions to close the down the institutions immediately. The Ministry vide its D.O. letter No. 12-3/2015/U3A dated 21st July, 2015 requested the Chief Secretaries of respective State Governments to investigate the matter and register complaints in police station against these fake universities. Prosecution may also be initiated against those who are involved in defrauding and cheating students by misrepresenting themselves as "Universities" awarding degrees with their name.
(c) Apart from above, the following action has been taken to warn people against such universities:
(i) For the awareness of general public/students/parents, the UGC puts up the list of fake institutions on its website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. All self-styled unrecognized and unapproved institutions are cautioned that running of Undergraduate and Postgraduate degree courses and giving misleading advertisements shall attract severe action under the provisions of appropriate laws including the UGC Act and the Indian Penal Code, etc.
(ii) At the beginning of every academic session, the UGC issues Press Release and Public Notice and state-wise list of fake universities in the country in national dailies and Newspapers in Hindi and English to warn the aspiring students, guardians and the public at large not to take admission in the courses run by the self-styled, unauthorized fake universities/institution of higher education functioning in different parts of the country.
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